

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 18 and 23 being independent. Claim 13 has been amended. Support for the amendment may be found in the application at least, for example, in Figs 1A-1B.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Sefer for participating in an interview with applicants' representative on October 25, 2006. During that interview, Examiner Sefer agreed to enter this supplemental amendment for consideration prior to issuing another Office Action on the merits. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-12 and 18-27 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-16 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,644,147). Dependent claim 17, which depends from claim 13, has been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki.

Independent claim 13 has been amended to recite "wherein said gate wiring and said second electrode are provided on and are in physical contact with said same insulating film" (emphasis added). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 and its dependent claims because Yamazaki does not describe or suggest this feature.

Yamazaki describes an electro-optical device that includes: a gate line 208/222, which the Examiner equates to the recited gate wiring; a gate electrode 202, which the Examiner equates to the recited first electrode; and a pixel electrode 218, which the Examiner equates to the recited second electrode. As discussed during the interview, the gate line 208/222 is both provided on and in physical contact with a silicon oxide film 206. The pixel electrode 218, however, is not both provided on and in physical contact with the silicon oxide film 206. Rather, it is provided on and in physical contact with a silicon nitride film 217. See Fig. 3I. Accordingly, the gate wiring and the second electrode are not provided on and in physical contact with the same insulating film.

For at least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-17.

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Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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